

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
February 12th, 2018
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt

Councilmember Judy Taylor Foster

Councilmember Travis Ferguson

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

STAFF PRESENT:

City Attorney Nathan Lee

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Travis Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to adopt and amend the agenda to reflect an appearance from Veronica Dowell with Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services. Motion was seconded by Mayor Brening. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the minutes of the January 8th regular council meeting. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Burt to approve the January 2018 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Veronica Dowell with Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services appeared before the Mayor and Council to inform them of an initiative to deter smoking inside the housing authority facilities. She explained that her organization had scheduled a smoke free campaign in February but it had been cancelled due to inclement weather. The event has been rescheduled for August.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to reappoint Kay Garrett and Clint Connell to the Downtown Development Authority for a 4 year term beginning January 1st, 2018.. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Judy Foster to reappoint Glen Gosa, M.B Guy, and Anthony Clifton to the Manchester Development Authority for a 4 year term beginning January 1st, 2018. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Mayor Brening, seconded by Travis Ferguson to reappoint Solomon Ferguson to the Community Action for Improvement Board. Vote was 4 ayes with Solomon Ferguson abstaining.

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Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to grant permission for Rite Aid Corporation, located at 305 W. Main St. to transfer its alcohol license to Walgreen's. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Travis Ferguson to grant permission for Mani's Tobacco Outlet, located at 101 N. 5th Ave, to transfer its alcohol license to MB Grocery, LLC. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

In the Mayor's report, Mayor Brening expressed his condolences over the loss of Mr. Ted Rogers, a retired Fire Chief for the City of Manchester. He and other members of the council noted his many contributions to the community.

City Manager, Doug Westberry, reported that the City has received notification from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts that the FY 2017-2018 audit has been reviewed and there were no findings.

Mr. Westberry informed the Mayor and Council of the upcoming "Clean Up Day" sponsored by Keep Meriwether Beautiful. The event will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 8 to 4. The city will have dumpsters set up near the mill as in the past. He also mentioned that old scrap tires would be accepted due to grants obtained by the organization from the EPD and the State of Georgia.

In closing, Mr. Westberry updated the Mayor and Council on the pending sale of the City's natural gas system to Liberty Utilities. He stated that the Public Service Commission had granted their permission for the sale on January 31st. Current activities on the sale are working with Liberty Utilities to set a closing date.

Presented to the Mayor and Council was information to add to the City's Ordinances a "Scavenging and Solid Waste Not Generated on Property" section. The purpose of this addition is to address illegal dumping and scavenging in and around the dumpsters behind the businesses on Main St. City Attorney, Nathan Lee, was asked to prepare an ordinance to address the issue to present to the Mayor and Council at next month's meeting.

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Motion made by Mayor Brening, seconded by Travis Ferguson to adopt "A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Manchester, Georgia Recognizing the Diversity of Needs in Different Regions of Our State with Respect to the Use of Fireworks; and for other Purposes." Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Burt to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel and litigation at 5:58 PM. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made to reconvene into regular session by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Travis Ferguson at 6:15 PM. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Travis Ferguson to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:16 PM. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening